



**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Michael SCHMIDT et al. : Group Art Unit: 1626  
Serial No.: 09/877,259 : Examiner: Laura L. Stockton  
Filed: June 11, 2001 :  
For: IONIC LIQUIDS II

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of February 16, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.